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Attached please find the following document for filing in the above-identified patent application:

- 1) Amendment in Response to the Final Office Action dated November 9, 2005 (11 pages)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action of November 9, 2005, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Specification
- B. Amendments to the Claims
- C. Remarks

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